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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED: 12/05/01	
Atty. Docket No. (Opt.) LANI1100	
Applicant Pierre Jorgensen	
Application Number 09/405,934	Filed September 27, 1999
For Deep Conversion Combining the Demetallization and the Conversion of Crudes, Residues or Heavy Oils into Light Liquids with Pure or Impure Oxygenated Compounds	
Group Art Unit 1764	Examiner Preisch, Nadine G.
Confirmation Number: 1061	

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Official Action mailed December 5, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(twice amended)** A process for the conversion of hydrocarbons containing residues or heavy distillates which may be laden with impurities into lighter liquid products that may be distilled, the process comprising:
- preheating a hydrocarbon load to a first temperature, wherein the load comprises one or more hydrocarbons selected from the group consisting of residues and heavy distillates;